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Terms of District Court. cial District, for all judicial purposes, and the times for holding the terms of the District Court shall be on the second Mondays of February and June, and the third Monday of September.

Seat of Justice, how established. SEC. 18. The seat of justice of Calaveras county shall be established by the qualified electors of said county, at the next general election, and the town or place receiving the highest number of votes shall thereafter be the county seat.

Adjusting indebtedness of Amador and Calaveras counties.

SEC. 19. At the first term of the Court of Sessions of Amador county, there shall be appointed by the said court two commissioners, to meet a corresponding number of Commissioners to be appointed by the Court of Sessions of Calaveras county, for the purpose of ascertaining the amount of indebtedness of Calaveras county. When the indebtedness is ascertained, they shall determine the amount justly chargeable to Amador county by the assessment roll of taxable property of eighteen hundred and fifty-four, for which amount the Court of Sessions of Amador county shall issue a warrant on its treasury, payable out of one half of the first funds which may come into its possession, belonging to the county. The said Commissioners shall meet on the third Monday in August, at the seat of justice of Calaveras county, and in case the said Commissioners from Amador county shall fail to meet or determine the amount of the indebtedness of Calaveras county justly chargeable to Amador county, then it shall be the duty of the Court of Sessions of Calaveras county to perform each and every act appertaining to the duties of said Commissioners, in the manner herein before specified.

## CHAPTER XLIII.

*AN ACT declaring the Consent of the Legislature of the State of California to the Purchase by the United States of Signor or Mare Island; to relinquish the Title and Interest of the State in overflowed portions of said Island, and to vest the Jurisdiction over the same in the United States; for the purposes therein specified.—[Passed May 11, 1854.]*

*The People of the State of California, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

Consent to purchase by United States of Signor or Mare Island. Purposes to be applied.

SECTION 1. The consent of the State of California is hereby given to the purchase by the United States of a certain tract or parcel of land situated in the county of Solano, known as Signor or Mare Island, for the purpose of erecting and maintaining thereon such arsenals, magazines, docks, dock-yards, and other military and naval structures as may be required for the use of the Government of the United States.

Interest of the State to certain lands relinquished.

SEC. 2. The title and interest of the State of California to and in such portions of the Island described in the preceding section as are overflowed beach or swamp lands, on the eastern shore of the said Island, from the southern point thereof to a parallel intersecting the northern point of the highlands, and extending into the waters of the bay or straits, washing the eastern shore of said highlands of the Island to the ship channel, is hereby relinquished and granted to the United States for the purposes specified in the preceding section; and the jurisdiction of such

Description.

Relinquishment.

part of said Island, and the overflowed portions of the eastern shore thereof as are south of a parallel intersecting the northern point of the highlands, is hereby ceded by the State of California to the United States for the purpose aforesaid: *Provided*, That the consent to the purchase, and the Reviso. grant and relinquishment of title, by this State to the United States, in this Act contained, shall not be construed in aid or support, directly or impliedly, or any conveyance or bond for title to the United States of the Not construed to aid any other title or conveyance. same lands heretofore made, or which may hereafter be made, by any person or persons, company or corporations, or as a recognition on the part of the State of California of any claim, title or grant heretofore asserted or set up, or which may hereafter be asserted or set up by any person or persons, company or corporation.

SEC. 3. The jurisdiction ceded to the United States in the last prece- Condition of cession. ding section is upon the express condition that the State of California shall retain a concurrent jurisdiction with the United States in and over the said tract of land, so far as that civil process in all cases, and such Process. criminal process as may issue under the authority of the State of California, against any person or persons charged with crime committed within or without said tracts of land, may be executed therein in the same way and manner as if this jurisdiction had not been ceded, except so far as such process may effect any of the real or personal property of the Uni- Exempt from taxes. ted States within the said tract of land; and all the lands and tenements within the limits aforesaid shall be, and continue forever hereafter exonerated and discharged from all taxes, assessments, and other charges which may be imposed by authority of this State.

SEC. 4. The relinquishment made, the jurisdiction ceded, and the ex- Limitation of cession.emption from taxation granted by this Act, shall continue so long as the premises herein specified shall remain in the occupancy of the above United States of America, for the purposes mentioned in the first section of this Act, and no longer.

## CHAPTER XLIV.

AN ACT to establish Pilots and Pilot Regulations for the Port of San Francisco.—[Passed May 11, 1854.]

*The People of the State of California, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. That it shall be the duty of the Governor to appoint two Governor to resident merchants, and two experienced and resident ship-masters, who, appoint. together with the President of the Chamber of Commerce of the port of San Francisco, shall constitute a Board of Pilot Commissioners for the How constituted port and harbor of San Francisco.

SEC. 2. That the persons so appointed shall take an oath for the faith- Qualification and ful discharge of their duty, and shall hold their office during the pleasure term of office. of the Governor.

SEC. 3. That the Commissioners shall keep an office at San Francis- Commissioners co, and shall meet therein once in each month: a majority shall constitute to meet once a month. a quorum for the transaction of business. Quorum.